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PLEASE PASS TO AMB PAUL C. WARNKE

1. THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT U.S., U.K. AND USSR RESUMED TALKS WEDNESDAY THAT BEGAN NINETEEN YEARS AGO ON TREATY BANNING ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS. "TALKS OPENED HERE IN 1958, BUT WERE SUSPENDED IN 1963 AFTER AGREEMENT OUTLAWING TESTS IN ATMOSPHERE, OCEANS AND OUTER SPACE WAS SIGNED IN MOSCOW," POST NOTED. "PACT DID NOT INCLUDE BAN ON UNDERGROUND TESTS." POST SAID RENEWED TALKS "HAVE BEEN BILLED AS EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS DESIGNED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS ENOUGH COMMON GROUND TO START FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS ON TEST BAN TREATY. PRELIMINARY ROUND OF TALKS WILL PROBABLY LAST ABOUT TWO WEEKS, WESTERN OFFICIALS SAID." POST QUOTED U.S. DELEGATION LEADER PAUL WARNKE AS SAYING "IF THESE EXPLORATORY TALKS ARE SATISFACTORY WE CAN MOVE AHEAD
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WITHIN REASONABLY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME" ON FULL NEGOTIATIONS. WARNKE SAID BANNING OF ALL NUCLEAR TESTS IS DESIRABLE, POST REPORTED. "IT COULD HAVE GREATEST SIGNIFICANCE AS FAR AS HALTING FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS CONCERNED," WARNKE TOLD NEWS CONFERENCE IN GENEVA WHERE DISCUSSIONS ARE BEING HELD.

2. WALTER PINCUS OF WASHINGTON POST SAID SENATE APPROVED PRODUCTION FUNDS FOR CONTROVERSIAL NEW GENERATION OF NEUTRON WEAPONS BUT ADDED PROVISIO THAT GIVES CONGRESS

ANOTHER CHANCE TO REJECT THEM IF PRESIDENT CARTER MAKES FINAL DECISION TO GO AHEAD. "AFTER DAY OF SOMETIMES BITTER, SOMETIMES EMOTIONAL DEBATE ON NEUTRON WEAPONS, SENATE WENT ON TO APPROVE, 85 TO 3, PUBLIC WORKS MONEY BILL WHICH CONTAINED FUNDS FOR CONTROVERSIAL WATER PROJECTS AND CLINCH RIVER BREEDER REACTOR AS WELL AS NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS. BY 58-TO-38 VOTE, SENATE IN LATE AFTERNOON DEFEATED AMENDMENT BY SEN. MARK O. HATFIELD THAT WOULD HAVE PROHIBITED SPENDING ANY FUNDS IN BILL FOR PRODUCTION OF NEUTRON WEAPONS. LATE IN EVENING, IT VOTED AMENDMENT THAT WOULD GIVE CONGRESS 45 DAYS TO PASS CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING PRODUCTION OF WEAPONS IF PRESIDENT DECIDES TO GO AHEAD WITH THEM. VOTE WAS OVERWHELMING 74 TO 19." SENATOR ROBERT BYRD, WHO SPONSORED VETO AMENDMENT, SAID "I AM FOR NEUTRON WARHEAD, NO IF'S, AND OR BUTS." HE SAID "I THINK CONGRESS SHOULD RETAIN FOR ITSELF A TWO-HOUSE ROLE ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT MATTER." SENATOR HOWARD BAKER, WHO SUPPORTS NEUTRON WEAPONS, JOINED BYRD IN SPONSORING VETO AMENDMENT. BAKER SAID IT "WOULD PUT MATTER TO REST" WITHOUT DEPRIVING PRESIDENT OF HIS POWERS AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OR CHIEF ARCHITECT OF FOREIGN POLICY. MAIN DEFENDER OF NEUTRON WEAPONS YESTERDAY WAS SENATOR SAM NUNN, PINCUS SAID. NUNN ARGUED THAT NATO

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WOULD NOW BE CALLED UPON TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS EARLY IN ANY EUROPEAN CONFRONTATION WITH SOVIETS, SO THEIR DESTRUCTIVE POWER WOULD LAND OUTSIDE ALLIED TERRITORY. MORE PRECISE NEUTRON WEAPONS, NUNN ARGUED, WOULD ALLOW NATO MORE TIME BEFORE CROSSING NUCLEAR THRESHOLD. SENATOR CHARLES PERCY TOLD SENATE "MOST POWERFUL" AND "MOST DANGEROUS" SUGGESTION IN ADMINISTRATION'S ARMS CONTROL IMPACT STATEMENT ON NEUTRON WARHEAD WAS THAT SOME FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS MIGHT SEE U.S. DEPLOYMENT OF NEW TYPE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS "DOCTRINE CHANGE" AND THAT THIS COULD "HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON U.S. EFFORTS TO PREVENT FURTHER NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION." SENATOR HUBERT HUMPHREY, WHO VOTED AGAINST NEUTRON WEAPONS TWO WEEKS AGO BUT CHANGED HIS VOTE, EMPHASIZED IMPACT STATEMENT'S CONCLUSION THAT NEUTRON WEAPONS HAVE "NO ARMS CONTROL ADVANTAGES." TO EXTENT NEUTRON WEAPONS WOULD HAVE ANY IMPACT ON ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS, "IMPACT WOULD BE marginally NEGATIVE," HUMPHREY QUOTED STATEMENT AS SAYING.

3. WILLIAM DROZDIK OF WASHINGTON POST, REPORTING FROM BRUSSELS, SAID NATO ALLIES "PERCEIVE NEUTRON BOMB AS USEFUL DETERRENT TO THREAT OF INVASION BY WARSAW PACT FORCES AND -- PROVIDED PRESIDENT CARTER APPROVES -- HOPE TO INCORPORATE WEAPON INTO ALLIED ARSENAL IN 18 MONTHS AFTER PRODUCTION BEGINS." ALLIANCE SOURCES SAID 7,000 TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS NOW DEPLOYED IN EUROPE ARE "FAR MORE PRIMITIVE" AND CANNOT BE CONTROLLED AS PRECISELY AS

NEUTRON BOMBS LAUNCHED FROM LAND-BASED MISSILES OR FIRED BY ARTILLERY.

4. CHRISIAN SCIENCE MONITOR STAFF CORRESPONDENT JOHN K. COOLEY, IN DISPATCH FROM ATHENS, SAID ARAB STATES, "CONSCIOUS OF ISRAEL'S WELL-DEVELOPED NUCLEAR POTENTIAL, ARE STEPPING UP THEIR OWN RESEARCH INTO NUCLEAR ENERGY AND THEIR SEARCH FOR URANIUM."

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5. SYNDICATED COLUMNIST JOSEPH KRAFT, WRITING IN WASHINGTON POST, SAID PRESIDENT CARTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE COMMITMENT TO NEUTRON BOMB, "THOUGH DIMLY TEMPERED BY PLEDGE TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK BEFORE DEPLOYING WEAPON, ENSURED LOPSIDED SENATE VOTE IN FAVOR OF PRODUCING BOMB. BUT WHY DID PRESIDENT GET INTO NEUTRON BOMB ISSUE AT ALL? ANSWER, ALMOST CERTAINLY, IS THAT HE WANTED TO PROVE HIS TOUGHNESS TO RUSSIANS AND TO DOMESTIC HAWKS. WHICH SUGGESTS TO ME THAT EVENTS ARE PUSHING HIM WILLY-NILLY INTO CAMP OF HAWKS WITH RESULTS THAT DO NOT MAKE ALREADY DICEY PROSPECT FOR ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT MUCH BETTER."

6. WALL STREET JOURNAL EDITORIALY OPPOSED RANGE LIMITS ON CRUISE MISSILES. "PARTICULAR RANGE PROPOSED BY MR. CARTER'S NEGOTIATORS, 2,500 KILOMETERS, IS GENEROUS ENOUGH TO ALLOW WEAPONS WE PRESENTLY INTEND TO DEVELOP. BUT AT LEAST FOR SEA-LAUNCHED MISSILES, SOVIETS INSIST ON 600-KILOMETER LIMIT, ALLOWING THEM TO COVER MOST U.S. TARGETS FROM SEA WHILE PUTTING MOST SOVIET TARGETS OUT OF RANGE. BETWEEN COSMETIC U.S. PROPOSAL AND ONE-SIDED SOVIET PROPOSAL, TALKS HAVE STALLED. LARGER POINT, THOUGH, IS THAT WHOLE CONCEPT OF RANGE LIMITS IS INHERENTLY MINDLESS. THERE SIMPLY IS NO WAY TO DETECT VIOLATIONS OF ANY SUCH AGREEMENT. RANGE OF CRUISE MISSILE DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH FUEL IS IN TANK, AND WHILE RUSSIANS ARE BEHIND ON CRUCIAL GUIDANCE TECHNOLOGY, THEY ALREADY HAVE IN FIELD CRUISE MISSILES LARGER IN VOLUME THAN LONGEST RANGE U.S. MODEL. AS SALT PROCEEDS THERE WILL BE USUAL PRESSURE ON U.S. TO COMPROMISE DOWN RANGE LIMITS. SENATE COULD INSURE CRUISE MISSILE'S FUTURE BY MAKING CLEAR IT WILL NOT RATIFY TREATY WITH THESE UNVERIFIABLE RANGE LIMITS...."

7. KENNETH W. GATLAND OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR SAID
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BRITAIN AND FRANCE ARE LOOKING INTO CRUISE MISSILES NOW BEING DEVELOPED BY U.S. REPORTING FROM LONDON, GATLAND SAID THESE TWO NATIONS "WANT IT TO MODERNIZE THEIR OWN 'DETERRENT' FORCES IN THE 1980S." HE SAID "REPORTS CIR-

CULATING IN LONDON RECENTLY SUGGESTED THAT BAC DIVISION OF BRITISH AEROSPACE WAS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN CRUISE STUDIES. BRITISH PROJECT TO DEVELOP SMALL NUCLEAR WARHEAD IS SAID TO BE CODE NAMED 'ANTELOPE.'" BRITISH AEROSPACE, HE SAID, WILL NOT COMMENT ON THESE REPORTS. FRENCH DETERMINATION TO DEVELOP CRUISE MISSILES WAS REVEALED LAST MARCH BY GENERAL GAU MERY WHO SAID INDUSTRY ALREADY HAD STARTED WORK. FRENCH ALSO HAVE PLANS TO DEVELOP MILITARY SATELLITES TO BE USED FOR RECONNAISSANCE AND MISSILE GUIDANCE. FRANCE, WHICH DOES NOT BENEFIT FROM RECONNAISSANCE DATA OBTAINED BY U.S. AIR FORCE SPY SATELLITES, NEEDS SATELLITES OF THIS TYPE TO REFINE TARGET COORDINATES WITHIN SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE, GATLAND NOTED.

8. AVIATION WEEKLY, IN JULY 11 ISSUE, SAID PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO DEPLOY AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILES "MAY CAUSE SOVIET UNION TO REEVALUATE ITS MASSIVE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM." AVIATION WEEKLY REPORTED ON TESTIMONY BEFORE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE BY ACDA DIRECTOR PAUL WARNKE. MAGAZINE QUOTED WARNKE AS SAYING B-ONE WAS LIKE "WASHINGTON MONUMENT" WHILE CRUISE MISSILE WAS LIKE "SEAGULL." WHILE STATING THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL WHAT EFFECT CRUISE MISSILE WILL HAVE ON SOVIET UNION, WARNKE SAID USSR MAY CHANGE ITS AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM, AVIATION WEEKLY REPORTED.

9. JOHN P. ROCHE, WRITING IN WASHINGTON STAR, SAID PRESIDENT CARTER IN DROPPING B-ONE AND OPTING FOR CRUISE MISSILE "HAS TAKEN QUANTUM JUMP IN TERMS OF DETERRENCE.... FOR THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND CRUISE TECHNOLOGY -- AT WHICH, BECAUSE OF OUR CAPACITY FOR MINIATURIZATION, WE ARE SEVERAL GENERATIONS AHEAD OF SOVIETS -- IT HAS BEEN CLEAR THAT MOSCOW'S GOAL AT SALT IS TO SIDELINE THESE ASTONISH-UNCLASSIFIED

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ING DELIVERY VEHICLES (UNTIL, OF COURSE, THEY CATCH UP). THIS MR. CARTER HAS NOW FRUSTRATED. HIS DECISION SHOULD BE APPLAUDED NOT MERELY BECAUSE HE SAVED ALL THAT MONEY, BUT BECAUSE IN TERMS OF STRATEGIC BALANCE HE HAS PUT U.S. BACK IN GAME OF 'COMPETITIVE COEXISTENCE.'"

10. ROBERT HOTZ, IN AVIATION WEEKLY EDITORIAL, SAID "WE ALSO ARE PUZZLED AS TO WHY PRESIDENT CARTER SURRENDERED HIS POWERFUL B-ONE SALT BARGAINING CHIP SO EARLY IN GAME. SOVIETS HAVE LONG FOUGHT TO HAVE B-ONE BARRED BY TREATY. NOW THEY HAVE ACHIEVED THEIR OBJECTIVE AT NO COST. THEIR FULL FORCE CAN NOW BE CONCENTRATED ON CRUISE MISSILE, WHICH IS MAJOR BARGAINING CHIP LEFT IN U.S. HANDS FOR NEXT ROUND OF SALT. IT SEEMS TO US POOR EXCHANGE FOR MOMENTARY POPULARITY OF MAKING GOOD ON CAMPAIGN PROMISE TO SACRIFICE ENORMOUS BLUE CHIP IN LONG-TERM POKER GAME."

11. JOSEPH C. HARSCH, IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

COMMENTARY, OBSERVED THAT "CARTER ADMINISTRATION GIVES EVERY EVIDENCE OF INTENDING TO GO AHEAD INTO WHOLE NEW GENERATION OF WEAPONS WHICH SOVIETS COULD NOT AT PRESENT DUPLICATE AND MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO DUPLICATE FOR LONG TIME." HARSCH CITED CRUISE MISSILE, NEUTRON WARHEAD AND MOBILE ICBM'S (MX). "MOSCOW, IT SEEMS TO ME, IS ABOUT TO PAY HIGH PRICE FOR HAVING BEEN SLOW TO DO ARMS REDUCTION BUSINESS WITH HENRY KISSINGER WHILE DR. KISSINGER WAS RUNNING AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY. DR. KISSINGER WORKED HARD AT TRYING TO PERSUADE THEM TO GET ALONG WITH SALT TWO AND WITH MUTUAL ARMS REDUCTIONS IN EUROPE. THEY STALLED ON LATTER AND NEVER AGREED TO TERMS ON FORMER WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN ACCEPTABLE ON CAPITOL HILL. NOW THERE IS NEW PRESIDENT IN WHITE HOUSE WHO SEEMS TO SEE NO

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REASON FOR NOT GOING RIGHT ON AHEAD INTO NEXT GENERATION OF WEAPONS WHICH ARE WELL BEYOND IMMEDIATE TECHNICAL COMPETENCE OF SOVIET INDUSTRY. IT IS MOSCOW'S TURN TO WORRY ABOUT AMERICAN INTENTIONS. KREMLIN ANXIETY IS VISIBLE." VANCE

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